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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management

Subject: HOST COUNTRY TRAVEL REGULATIONS*

1. The Secretary-General has received from the United States Mission to the United Nations a note verbale dated 1 August 1991 advising on changes in procedural requirements for private travel in the United States undertaken by staff members of Bulgarian nationality and their dependants.

2. According to the note, the persons concerned, effective immediately, "will enjoy unrestricted travel within the United States".

3. The Secretary-General, in his reply of 9 August 1991, welcomed this decision by the host country. However, in view of the fact that similar restrictions still remain in force with respect to staff of certain other nationalities, the Secretary-General reiterated his position of principle concerning discriminatory treatment, by the host country, of members of the Secretariat solely on the basis of their nationality. The hope was expressed that all such previously imposed restrictions will be removed as soon as possible.

4. Copies of the two notes verbales are set out in annexes I and II to the present circular.

5. The existing arrangements for official travel will remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.

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Annex I

NOTE VERBALE DATED 1 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and wishes to inform the Secretary-General of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States.

Effective immediately all Bulgarian employees of the United Nations and their dependants will enjoy unrestricted travel within the United States. In practice this means that these individuals will no longer be required to obtain hotel or campground accommodations, air, train or bus tickets, or car rentals from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) for travel in the United States. Furthermore, these individuals will no longer have to notify the United States Mission in writing of any travel beyond the 25-mile radius of Columbus Circle in New York City.

Annex II

NOTE VERBALE DATED 9 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note verbale of 1 August 1991 concerning changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States for Bulgarian nationals working at the United Nations Secretariat.

According to the note, "effective immediately all Bulgarian employees of the United Nations and their dependants will enjoy unrestricted travel within the United States".

The Secretary-General welcomes this decision by the United States. However, the Secretary-General regrets that similar restrictions continue to be in force with respect to staff members of other nationalities. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to reiterate his well-known position of principle concerning discriminatory treatment of United Nations staff solely on the basis of their nationality and express the hope that all remaining restrictions will be removed by the host country as soon as possible.

The existing arrangements regarding official travel in the United States of United Nations personnel remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.